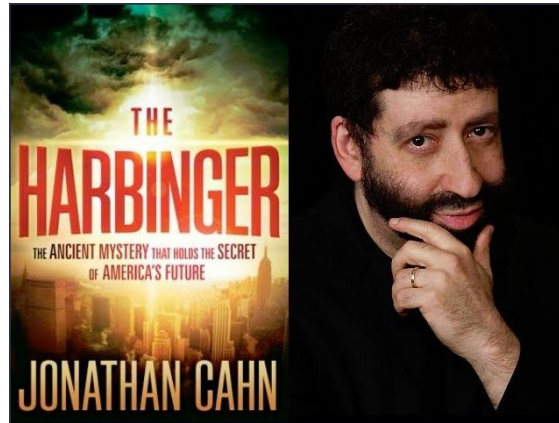


Book Report – "The Harbinger" by Jonathan Cahn



The book "The Harbinger" by Jonathan Cahn centers on the eerie exactitudes between current events linked to 9-11 and Biblical prophecy in the book of Isaiah Chapter 9 verse 10.

"The bricks have fallen, but we will rebuild with hewn stone; the sycamores have been cut down, but we will plant cedars in their place." Isaiah 9:10

The book is full of precise and exact modern day occurrences surrounding the verse - too exact to be dismissed as happenstance. It begins by giving the account of the Assyrians attack on ancient Israel. Rather than repenting and returning to God they became defiant and decided to build stronger and better than before without God's hand of protection and blessings. According to Cahn the same thing is happening again only this time in America as it relates to the attacks on the World Trade Center and the economic collapse of 2008.

In his companion study guide to The Harbinger titled "The Harbinger Companion with Study Guide" the author cites that there is a law in scripture which states that a matter of judgement must be confirmed by two or three witnesses and that each witness needs to confer with the other.

"By the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established." Deuteronomy 19:15

"By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established." Corinthians 13:1

On September 12th the day following 9/11 then Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle presented in Congress the government's response to the attacks. At the end of his speech he gave the quote from Isaiah 9:10. Three years later on the third anniversary of 9/11 Senator John Edwards gave a speech to the Congressional Black Caucus repeating the exact same quote from Isaiah. Did these men realize they were fulfilling Biblical prophecy when they quoted that particular verse?

Strangely enough there *was* a third witness who would connect prophecy yet another time not only to 9/11 but also to the economic collapse of America seven years later in 2008.

The third witness happened to be President Barrack Obama in a speech delivered on February 24, 2009, a month after his inauguration at Capitol Hill. Obama's speech contained the same quotes from the prior two witnesses. "We will rebuild, we will recover and the United States of America will emerge stronger than before."

A hewn stone quarried from the mountains in New York is set in place as the cornerstone of the new Freedom Tower, which stands where the World Trade Center buildings once stood. The cornerstone was intended to be a symbol of hope. Recall from Isaiah *"the bricks have fallen, but we will rebuild with hewn stone."* Isaiah 9:10. New York was our nation's first capital. At the corner where a sycamore tree stood at Federal Hall our first president, George Washington consecrated America to God. That very same sycamore tree was struck down during the attacks on the World Trade Center. It has been replaced by trees in the genus of cedar once again showing the parallel from the verse in Isaiah – *"the sycamores have been cut down, but we will plant cedars in their place"* Isaiah 9:10.

Cahn ends his book by offering a message of hope. He believes God is sending out a calling - *"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and, will forgive their sin and heal their land."* II Chronicles 7:14.

I highly recommend this book and can't help but wonder if God is granting America a time period of grace? Will we as a nation decide to reclaim our heritage as the God centered nation it was consecrated to be? It is my earnest hope and prayer that we choose to honor the calling. I shudder to think however, of the consequences should we continue to turn away and foolishly believe we are better and stronger without God.

